

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-26 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 33, 34, 42, 43, and 45.

The Office Action indicated that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicants have changed the title to "PHASE-LOCKED LOOP WITH HIGH FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT OF THE OPERATING RANGE OF THE OSCILLATOR" which Applicants believe is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 27-31, 35, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Matsuno. Claims 27-30, 32, 35, 37-41, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yokogawa et al. The Office Action goes on to indicate that claims 33, 34, 42, 43, and 45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 27-32, 35-41, and 44 and believe that these claims do not read on the cited references. However, for purposes of expediting prosecution of the application and without acceding to the correctness of the rejection, Applicants have amended claim 27 to include the subject matter of claims 32 and 33. The dependency of claim 34 has been changed to depend from amended claim 27. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 37 to include the subject matter of claim 43. Claim 42 has been amended to include the subject matter of pending claim 37. Claims 32, 33, 43, and 44 have been canceled. Claim 45 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 37 and 44.

As a result of these amendments, claims 1-31, 34-42, and 45 should now be in allowable condition.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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